

City of Newton
Crime Prevention Commission (CPC)
Meeting Agenda – Wednesday, October 19, 2011

7:00pm - Newton Police Headquarters, 1321 Washington Street, West Newton, MA 02465.

Call to Order/Introductions

Administrative Business – Minutes of Last meeting

Crime Report - Lt. Bruce Apotheker

Home Invasion – Report by the Chair and interested citizens about a meeting arranged to be held at the NPD Community Room on Thursday, October 13th. This flowed from a recent “home invasion” and neighborhood reaction. Several neighbors requested, and the Mayor approved, an effort to develop a workable “pilot” neighborhood watch. That effort presumably would require: 1) active participation by committed neighbors who would strive to make it work and 2) helpful advice and participation by NPD representatives who know a lot more than we civilians about developing such a program. One challenge would naturally be to figure out a way to do this within the limits of City financial resources, etc. The Commission’s role will be to facilitate bringing the parties together and to take part in talks that ensue.

RAD Program – Progress report by the Chair and Steven Konowitz, Esq. of the new *Lilly Konowitz Foundation for Women’s Safety*. At our last meeting, Steven reported that the mission of the Foundation will be to empower women through self-defense education in several ways. It was formed as an *Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3)* organization for the purpose of fund raising to achieve its stated objectives. Among other things, it expects to donate the use of equipment to organizations, like NPD, for teaching RAD self-defense and rape prevention classes, offer grants to help women attend such self-defense classes and provide information on rape prevention and self-defense. The Commission will explore ways and means for it to co-sponsor certain events and activities undertaken by the Foundation. Discussions will include consideration of efforts to acquire necessary RAD equipment and improve program offerings for high school age residents and other interested women within the City.

Other Business – At our last meeting, Richard Catrambone and Rick Dyer spoke about revisiting the issue of legalized marihuana and its use as a gateway drug among our high school age residents. Developing proposals to better keep drugs out of the school zone was considered a credible objective. They will lead a discussion about steps we might support.

New business

Meeting Adjournment

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